

Nos. 16-56057 & 16-56287

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

MICHAEL SKIDMORE,
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RANDY CRAIG WOLFE TRUST
PLAINTIFF, APPELLANT AND APPELLEE

vs.

LED ZEPPELIN, *ET AL.*
DEFENDANTS AND APPELLEES
AND
WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC, INC.,
DEFENDANT, APPELLEE AND APPELLANT

APPEALS FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
HON. R. GARY KLAUSNER, DISTRICT JUDGE, CASE NO.15-cv-03462 RGK (AGR_x)

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE RESPONSE TO
THE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OF PULLMAN GROUP, LLC
AND STRUCTURED ASSET SALES, LLC**

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Defendants respectfully seek leave to file a short brief in response to the amicus curiae brief filed by Pullman Group, LLC, and Structured Asset Sales, LLC (collectively, “Pullman”) ([Dkt. Entry 131-2](#)).

While the Pullman Brief echoes plaintiff’s deposit copy argument, the Pullman Brief also includes three arguments not previously made by plaintiff: (1) the Copyright Office did not accept sound recordings as deposit copies under the Copyright Act of 1909 because, Pullman claims, that Act did not recognize that sound recordings could infringe the copyright in a musical composition, (2) this Court’s confirmation that deposit copies are the copyrighted works would reward those who failed to register their copyrights by providing them broader protection, and (3) the principle that an infringement claim is governed by the law at the time the claim arose supports recognizing as the copyrighted work recordings of versions of an unpublished musical composition that obtained federal copyright by deposit of sheet music. Defendants believe each of Pullman’s arguments are incorrect and request leave to file the accompanying proposed Response to explain why that is so.

Plaintiff’s counsel have advised that they do not oppose this Motion if defendants combine their proposed Response to the Pullman Brief in a single brief with their proposed Combined Reply to plaintiff’s Responses to the amicus briefs filed by the Amici supporting affirmance, and otherwise defer to the Court’s discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

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